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Question.

Who made thee?

Answere.

a God.

Q. What is God?

A. He is b Almightie, the c maker and d gouernour of all things.

Q. Wherefore did he make thee?

A. To serue him.

Q. How oughtest thou to serue him?

A. f As he hath appointed in his lawes.

Q. Which be they?

A. g God spake all these wordes, and said, Thou shalt haue none other Gods before me, &c.

Q. Canst thou fulfill all these Commaundementes without breaking anie one of them?

A. No, though I doe all that I can, yet I breake them euery daye, in h

a Isa.44.2. Psal.139.13 14.15.
b Gen.17.1 iere.32.18 19.
c Gen.2.4.5 isa.44.24.
d Iere.10.23 prou.21.30. 31.
e Deut.10. 12. Iosh.22.5
f Deut.12. 32.
Psal.119.4
g Exod.20 deut.5.6.7
h Mat.15.19.

rom.7.18.19 thought woꝛde and deede.

Q. What punishment is there appointed foꝛ the bꝛeach of theſe commaundements.

i Deut.27. 26. *A.* i The curſe of God, which is eternall deſtruction both of bodie and ſoule.

mat.25. 41. *Q.* By what meanes then ſhalt thou eſcape this puniſhment?

k Gal.3.13. *A.* k Onely by Jeſus Chꝛiſt.

col.2.14.15. *Q.* What is Jeſus Chꝛiſt?

l Mat.17.5 *A.* He is the l eternall ſonne of God.

heb.1.23. *Q.* What hath he done foꝛ thee?

m Phil.2.8 heb.5.7.8.9 *A.* Hee m ſuffered the toꝛmentes of death foꝛ me.

Q. Chꝛiſt Jeſus was God, and how then could he die?

n Iſa.9.6. rom.9.5 o 1.Tim..2.5 1.phil.2.6.7 *A.* Chꝛiſt Jeſus was both n God and o man, and in that hee was God, hee could not die: but being man, hee died p foꝛ my ſinnes, and roſe againe to make me righteous.

p Rom.4.25 1.Pet.2.24.

Q. Died he then foꝛ all men, oꝛ not?

q Iohn.3.18 36.acts.13 48. *A.* No. he died foꝛ none, q but foꝛ ſuch as lay hold on him by a liuely faith.

Q. What is a liuely faith?

r Ephe.3.12 col.2.5.7. *A.* A liuely faith is a r full perſwaſion of my ſ heart, grounded vppon the

s Ephe.3.17

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promises of GOD: that whatsoeuer Christ hath done for the saluation of mā, he hath done it as well for mee as for any others. Acts 15.9. t Rom.4.18 21. heb.11.11

Q. How commest thou by this faith?

A. The holy Ghost doth worke it u inwardly in my heart, by the outwarde x preaching of his worde. u Act.19.14 Iohn 6.45. x Rom.10. 14.17.

Q. How is this faith increased & made strong in vs?

A. y By hearing the same worde preached, and vsing the Sacraments. acts 11.14. y 2.Thes.1.3 prou.4.18

Q. What be Sacraments?

A. Sacraments be outward z signes ordeined of God, and are left as a seales and pledges of these benefits of our saluation which wee receiue in Christ to strengthen our faith. z Gen.17.11 exod.12.3.4 a Rom.4.11 1.cor.10.16 17.

Q. How many Sacraments be there?

A. Two, b Baptisme and the Lordes supper. b 1.Cor.10 1.2.3.4.

Q. What profite hast thou by Baptisme?

A. I beleeue that by Baptisme my c sinnes are forgiuen me: for as the water doth wash the filthe of my body: so I beleeue that the d bloud of Christ being c Acts 22. 16 & 2.38. d Ephe. 1.7 1 Pet.1.2

e Heb.10.22 Act.15.9. sprinckled vpon my soule by the e hande of faith, doeth washe mee from all my sinnes.

Q. What profit hast thou by the vse of the Lordes supper?

f Mat.26. 26.27. 1.Cor.11.23 24.25. g1.Cor.1.30 2.cor.5.21 h Rom.4.1. A. As I receiue the f bread and wine into my body to become wholy mine: so I beleeue that my soule receiueth with all Christ Jesus with g his death and righteousnesse to the h sealing vp of my euerlasting saluation.

ephe.1.13. Q. Seeing that they which receiue these mysteries vnworthily, eate and drinke their owne condemnation: how oughtest thou to prepare thy selfe to the right receiuing of them?

i Cor.11. 28. 2.Cor.13.5. k1.Thes.3.8 1.cor.16.10 lMat.26.75 2 Cor.7.10 m Psal.51.3 Rom.7.24. n Mat.5.2. Heb.12.14. oMat.18.22 A. First I muste i examine my selfe whether I k stande strongly in the true faith of Jesus Christ or no.

Secondly, whether I finde my heart l inwardly greeued for my sinnes with an m hatred and lothing of the same.

Thirdly, if any offence bee betwixt others and mee, that I n reconsile my selfe vnto them, and o forgiue them euen as Christ hath forgiuen me.

Q. Is not prayer a speciall meanes to increase

increaſe our faith. coloſ. 3. 12.

A. Yea it is p a ſpeciall helpe. 22.

Q. How ought eſt thou then to pray? p Acts 4. 29. 31.

A. Onely to God in the name of Jeſus Chriſt. Luke 7. 51. q Iohn 16. 23. Iames 15.

Q. What forme of prayer vſeſt thou moſt?

A. That which the r Lorde Jeſus taught his Apoſtles. r Mat. 6. 9. luke 11. 2.

Q. What is that?

A. Our father which art in heauen, &c.

Q. Howe vnderſtandeſt thou this prayer?

A. This prayer conteyneth ſire petitions: whereof the firſt three are appoynted onely to Gods glorie: the other three belong vnto vs, wherein wee aſke things neceſſarie both for ſoule and bodie.

Finis.

OPen our eyes (O Lorde) that we may ſee the wõderous things of thy lawe: that by them as by a glaſſe we may ſee our owne weakneſſe, and by our weaknes our wickedneſſe, and by them both our accurſedneſſe: then cauſe

cauſe thy ſweete comforts and conſolations conteined in thy Goſpel, to ſhine into our ſoules, by a true and a liuely faith in Chriſt Ieſus: beſeeching thee that our drie and ſtonie hearts, may by the ſweete dewes & ſhowers of thy heauenly ſpirite, be ſo moiſtened & ſoftned, that as good ground they may euer bee yeelding foorth good fruite to the glorifying of thy name, to the ſuppreſsing of ſinne, and increaſing of vertue, through Chriſt our Sauiour. Amen.